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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 12-18, 20 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-11, 19 and 22 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This application is the national stage of PCT/EP02/02723. Claims 1-22 are pending.
2. Claims 2-3, 14-17, 20-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is unclear what does the terms “enantiomers or diastereoisomers” or “pure enantiomers or pure diastereoisomers” are referring to. Please note that the dependent claims with the above terminology lack antecedent basis in the base claims. The base claims did not show any chiral center.

The term “pure” is a subjective term. What is considered pure for one user does not necessarily meet the purity standard of another. No description as to what is considered “pure” in the specification.

3. Claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description and the enablement requirement. The claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention, neither was the subject matter described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Please note that formula I did not show any chiral center. The specification did not describe or given any guidance on what or how any “enantiomers or diastereoisomers” or “pure enantiomers or pure diastereoisomers” can be obtained. While give a chiral isomer one skilled in the art may attempt conventional separation technique to isolate enantiomers or diastereoisomers, absent of description and guidance no assumption can be generalized as to what purity can be obtained.

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4. Claims 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is unclear what is the scope of the claims. Please note that the term “medicament” is ambiguous since it is a hybrid term that when a composition is being used in medicine i.e. both composition and method are involved. It is recommended that if the claims are pharmaceutical composition, the term “pharmaceutical” be employed with therapeutically effective quantity of the active ingredient with inert carriers.

5. Claim 1 and 12 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is unclear as to what is the scope for “combination thereof” for the individual Markush moieties. Please note that while each individual Markush moiety can be independently selected from a group of parameters, thus are not identical when repeating unit of the Markush elements is being incorporated, such definition of the Markush elements is very confusing. Especially the moiety such as R1 and R2 are mono-valent moieties. How can such moiety be in “combination”?

6. Claims 4-11, 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The specific compounds of claims 4-11 are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the art of record.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Celia Chang whose telephone number is 571-272-0679. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang, can be reached on 571-272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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